



Heather Coggins (left) placed 1st in the nation in **Researched Persuasive Speaking** at the 2004 HOSA National Leadership Conference in Orlando. Heather is shown with her advisor, **Carol Geiger**, **Pelion High School**.



Jerry Blakely, **Carolina High and Academy** is shown with his advisor, **Kellie McBee** after taking the 3rd place medal in **First Aid/Rescue Breathing** in the national competitive program this summer in Orlando.

HOSA—A Student-Led Association of Future Health Professionals

The HOSA mission is to build a strong local, state, and national student organization to benefit the healthcare professions by recruiting and developing future healthcare leaders. Opportunities for expanded leadership, management, technical, and citizenship development are available through membership in this curricular student organization. Activities integrate curriculum standards and objectives. Healthy competition through organized and judged events serves to strengthen the students' knowledge and skills. The competitive events program includes over fifty opportunities in knowledge and skill events, individual and team leadership events, and recognition events. Involvement in HOSA makes students more marketable as potential healthcare workers. Interaction with health professionals also guides members in the selection of health careers. HOSA seeks to instill an attitude of pride, commitment, and professionalism in its members and strives to build self-esteem and confidence. Integrating the student organization activities in health science classrooms will assist in the preparation of a qualified healthcare workforce and qualified leaders.

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